1105 from Mr. Ayyankulangara Uthuppu Variath, Pazhanji ; and if so ;

(b) what is the request contained therein ;

(c) what action has been taken with respect to the above petition ;

(d) whether any reply has been sent to the petitioner ; and if not, what is the reason for not sending a reply yet ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) To metal the north-south road in Pazhanji Bazaar with gravel.

(c) The petition was enquired into and it was found that gravelling is not necessary as the surface is of laterite.

(d) The petitioner has been informed of it.

Articles purchased in connection with H. E. the Viceroy's visit.

349. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether new articles such as gold and silver vessels, cots and others of a permanent nature were purchased in connection with His Excellency the Viceroy's visit last year; if so, to place a list of the same with the cost for each and the use to which they are put now and if the articles were sold, a list of the same with the cost price and the amount realised by the sale ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A statement showing the articles referred to in the question with full particulars is placed on the Council table.

Lotteries.

350. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of lotteries allowed to be conducted in the State during the last 12 years;

(b) whether the Government is aware that a large number of lotteries are being conducted in Goa, and in British India in aid of charitable and religious institutions, and that a large sum of money flows outside the State by way of subscriptions for such lotteries;

(c) whether the Government has considered the advisability of encouraging similar lotteries in aid of *bona fide* charitable religious and educational institution and for raising funds for the Municipalities in the State?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Two.

(b) A few purchases of Goa and other lottery tickets are reported from some parts. No definite information is available n the matter.

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(c) No.

Schools and College, Trcihur—Playing grounds.

351. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to give the following information.—

1. the names of schools and College in the Trichur Town;
2. the strength of these schools or College on 1st Chingam 1106;
3. the extent of the school or College premises;
4. the extent of the playing fields or grounds, if any, of those schools or College ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Statement appended (*Vide Appendix II*).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether the extent covered shown in column 3, is inclusive of what is shown in column 4—the extent of the school premises and the extent of the play ground?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Column 3 speaks about the area on which the institutions stand. Column 4 speaks about the grounds set apart for purposes of games. It is exclusive of the land on which these institutions stand.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—No. 10—Vivekodayam High school, Trichur—the play ground measures one acre. May I know which that play ground is?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—This information was supplied by the institution, and after the receipt of the question, the Hon'ble Member can realise that it is not possible to go and inspect these play grounds. We rely on the statistics supplied.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Therefore am I to take it to mean that Government does not know the respective play grounds?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not understand the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—So the Government cannot say anything more than what is contained in the statement?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I supplied the information to the supplementary question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether these facts are true? Has the Government verified these statements?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—These reports have not been verified, because usually these schools supply statistics and the question of verifying comes only if a doubt is roused; and since these institutions had no interest in supplying false information no suspicion was aroused, and in the short space of time that was available after the receipt of these questions, it was not possible to verify all these. If the Hon'ble Member wants these informations, the Department is prepared to have these verified and checked.

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